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SUBJECT: HRC - REQUEST BY CHAIRMAN ALLANA OF HRC INVESTIGATIVE
GROUP FOR CHILE

REFS: STATE 194786, GENEVA 6304

1. LATE AUGUST 18 I MADE POINTS NOTED IN PARAS 1 AND 2 OF
STATE 194786 TO ACTING FONMIN UNSEC ILLANES, IN EFFECT URGING
GOC TO MAKE A GESTURE OF COOPERATION WITH UNHRC WORKING GROUP,
IN TERMS CLOSELY PARELLELING DEPARTMENT'S. ILLANES TOLD ME HE HAD
RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM PINOCHET'S PRESS ADVISER FEDERICO WILLOUGHBY,
NOW VISITING IN WASHINGTON, ALONG SAME LINES.

2. AT ILLANES' REQUEST, I AM SENDING HIM AIDE-MEMOIRE
CONTAINING SUBSTANCE MY REMARKS SO THAT GOC MAY CONSIDER METTER
FURTHER.

3. MEANWHILE, ILLANES TOLD ME THAT GOC, HAVING CLAIMED WORKING
GROUP COULD NOT LEGITIMATELY FUNCTION BECAUSE IT COULD NOT
HEAR GOC REPRESENTATIVES, COULD NOT NOW REVERSE ITSELF BY A FORMAL
APPEARANCE BEFORE OR COMMUNICATION TO WORKING GROUP. NEVERTHELESS,
GOC WAS TAKING SOME STEPS IT HOPED WOULD BE USEFUL.

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4. FIRST, AMBASSADOR BAZAN WILL BETALING INFORMALLY WITH ALLANA,

ERMACORA, AND OTHERS CONNECTED WITH THE WORKING GROUP. WHILE HE CAN NOT DEAL WITH THEM IN THEIR CORPORATE CAPACITY, HE WILL DO WHAT HE CAN TO PRESENT CHILEAN CASE.

5. SECOND, GOC HAS SENT A NOTE TO SYG WALDHEIM, OBSERVING THAT HE IS ALSO EMPOWERED TO PRESENT INFORMATION TO THE UNGA, AND STATING THAT GOC IS READY TO FURNISH HIM ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION. WALDHEIM IS INVITED TO TELL GOC WHAT DATA HE WOULD LIKE IT TO PRESENT. RESPONDING TO MY QUERY, ILLANES SAID IT WAS NOT EXCLUDED THAT GOC MIGHT VOLUNTEER INFORMATION TO WALDHEIM.

6. THIRD, ILLANES SAID CONFIDENTIALLY THAT PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS IN CHILE WERE CURRENTLY IN TOUCH WITH THE WORKING GROUP. SOME HAD SENT CABLES PRESUMABLY CONTAINING SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION, WHILE OTHERS HAD ASKED TO APPEAR BEFORE THE GROUP AS INDIVIDUALS.

7. FINALLY, ILLANES SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD STILL BE POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE FOR THE WORKING GROUP TO COME TO CHILE AT SOME FUTURE TIME, MONTHS FROM NOW.

8. COMMENT: ILLANES GAVE ME THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IN CONFIDENCE, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT IT WOULD NOT BECOME PUBLIC FROM USG SOURCES. THIS IS A SENSITIVE MATTER HERE. FONOFF PROFESSIONALS, WHO HAD OPPOSED CANCELLATION OF WORKING GROUP VISIT, WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE. THE REAL PROBLEM IS TO PREVAIL UPON OFFICIALS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL TO MODIFY CHILE'S PUBLICLY RIGID POSITION.
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